

Air and Space Museum Trophy and the Theodore von Karman International Wings Award. Mr. Thompson is a Fellow of the American Astronautical Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

America and Virginia have been abundantly blessed by the patriotism, dedication and achievement of David Thompson. David has enjoyed the loving support of his wife Catherine and daughter Maggie. I wish them God-speed and continued success as David pioneers a new chapter.

KATHRYN KLEMPPEL

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Klempele for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kathryn Klempele received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathryn Klempele is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathryn Klempele for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II VETERAN PAUL ROSENBLATT ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to World War II veteran Paul Rosenblatt in honor of his 95th birthday.

"Mr. Paul," as he prefers to be called, is a Purple Heart recipient and the last remaining member of his unit, the 9th Armored Division. His unit successfully held the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, releasing Allied forces into Germany that ultimately led to Germany's defeat.

Paul was born in Michigan in 1923 but raised in The Bronx, New York. After the death of his father, Paul began working at the age of 15. By 1942, Paul was living and working in Dayton, Ohio for the U.S. Army engineering unit as an aircraft mechanic's assistant. As a vital member of the engineering team, his personnel officer urged him to resist joining the Army and remain in his current position. Despite the opposition, Paul answered the call to serve and enlisted in the Army, where he was sent overseas as a mechanic for the 9th Armored Division.

After serving three years, Paul was discharged from the Army and returned to his position in Dayton. Here he met his wife, the late

Millie Rosenblatt, who traveled with him throughout the country and world during his 43-year career as a civilian contractor with the Air Force. Paul, his wife, and their four children lived in Santa Maria, CA; Rapid City, SD; Laredo, TX; and abroad in Turkey, England and Israel.

By the 1950's, Paul finally had the chance to fly. He knew each part of the aircrafts he worked on, but was never given the opportunity to go up in the air. In Laredo, Paul and a group of his friends bought a plane together and named themselves "The Flying 20."

In addition to his work within the Army and Air Force, Paul is also a servant of his community. While living in Santa Maria, the Jewish community was holding services in basement of a Methodist church. Unsettled by this arrangement, Paul sought out a California Polytechnic Institute architecture student to design blueprints for a synagogue and launched a fundraising campaign. By 1969, Temple Beth El was constructed.

Paul finished his career at his dream job working at the American embassy in Tel Aviv and retired in Haifa, Israel with Millie. After 63 years of marriage, Millie passed away and two years later, Paul moved to Mobile, Alabama following a visit with his daughter, Shoshana, and her husband, Jake.

In the past three years, Paul has embraced the Mobile culture. Paul rode on the World War II float in a Mardi Gras parade, attended every showing at the Mobile Jewish Film Festival, and held season tickets to the Mobile Symphony.

For his 95th birthday, Paul celebrated accordingly by taking a trip to the air in a Stearman biplane, the same model he worked on as the mechanic's assistant before World War II. Family and friends gathered at the airway to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I want to commend Paul Rosenblatt for his service to our country and community. America is a better place because of Paul Rosenblatt, and we will be forever grateful for his service.

### HONORING JOEY DANIEL

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joey Daniel for his spectacular performance in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State wrestling championship this year where he earned a CIF state title at 220 pounds.

Currently a senior at Santa Ana High School, Mr. Daniel has already proven his excellence in wrestling by winning the Golden West League championship four times, the CIF championship three times, the Masters Meet championship once, and the Orange Country championship five times during his wrestling career between 2014 to 2018. This year in March, he reached new heights and became the first winner of the CIF state wrestling championship in the history of Santa Ana High School, took second place nationally, and was promptly named Orange County's boys wrestler of the year.

After graduation from high school, Mr. Daniel plans to enlist in the Marine Corps immediately.

Through wrestling, he has learned diligence, perseverance and confidence, which will undoubtedly serve him well as he strives to become a member of the Marines.

Mr. Speaker, Joey Daniel has more than proven that he is an extraordinary student athlete with no limits to his potential. I am beyond proud to honor Joey Daniel.

KENNEDI LAUBERT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kennedy Laubert for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kennedy Laubert received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations to Kennedy Laubert for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

### NEVER TOO LATE—TEXAS SPIRIT

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride to give special recognition to the accomplishments and sacrifices made by an extraordinary woman from Houston—Leshia Champs. After facing incredible challenges in her life, Ms. Champs has risen to not only empower herself, but other women facing similar difficulties. At the age of 33, this single mother of 5 just graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Despite dropping out of high school, getting laid off, being homeless, losing her children's father to cancer, losing her mom to cancer, and losing her home to a fire Ms. Champs did not quit. In 2009, she earned her GED and began to turn her life around. She gives all the credit to her children and her faith in God.

Last month, Ms. Champs found herself in the dead center of the media's attention. She posted a photo with her five children, wearing a cap and gown, while holding a chalk board sign that said, "I did it!"

Her children held chalkboard signs stating "We did it!" and "I helped". The photo went viral, giving others hope.

Ms. Champs grew up in the foster care system and struggled with thoughts of killing herself. She found hope in God and strength in her children. Some people would say that she beat the odds, but I believe her passion, determination, and resilient attitude along with her faith in God ensured her the talent to finish law school. It wasn't easy. Her kids helped

her studies. They quizzed her with flash cards and even served as her mock jury. A family that practices law together, stays together.

We are all faced with challenges and choices, some more difficult than others, but the understanding that each person is responsible for their actions and their own pursuit of the American dream is the best building blocks we can give to our children.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I want to congratulate Ms. Champs for setting an example to her children and giving hope to other women who are facing similar challenges.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF CEDAR FALLS HIGH  
SCHOOL ROCKET CLUB

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an accomplished group of students from Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Cedar Falls High School Rocket Club has a six-member team, consisting of Ryan Ritter, Will Burken, Erik Walther, Andre Bryan, Randev Gooneseker, and Duncan Myer.

As a result of their performance in a 2017 national student rocket competition, the Cedar Falls High School team was one of only 15 high school teams chosen to participate in a NASA-hosted student launch this past April.

With the guidance of University of Northern Iowa student Ryan Holzaphel, mentor Tyler Sorenson, and High School teacher and advisor Zeb Nicholson, the team spent many hours preparing to launch their 8-foot-tall, high-powered fiberglass rocket from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. In addition to the student rocket launch, these students heard from a number of speakers, toured the Marshall Space Flight Center, and underwent a series of rocketry reviews to ensure their rocket was ready for flight.

The Cedar Falls High School Rocket Club team consists of intelligent and motivated students who deserve recognition for their efforts, ingenuity, and interest in science. This group of young men exemplifies the incredible talent and innovation that students in Iowa's First District have to offer.

**KULANI MARTIN**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kulani Martin for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kulani Martin received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kulani Martin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and

develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kulani Martin for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE  
KEESEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT ON THE GRAND  
OPENING OF ITS NEW FIRE STA-  
TION

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department on the grand opening of its new fire station.

The Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department has been providing firefighting and EMS services for the Towns of Chesterfield and AuSable since it was first established in 1878. For the past 140 years, the Fire Department has fought to protect and serve the people of these communities. Most recently, Keeseville's volunteer firefighters provided excellent first-response services to hundreds of families who lost power from a windstorm. As a member of the Clinton County and Essex County Mutual Aid Systems, the Fire Department also assists with emergencies throughout both counties.

In late 2015, the public voted in a referendum to renovate and expand the Fire Department's outdated fire station. The project added four new bays, creating enough room to fit all the Fire Department's vehicles inside the station. Additionally, the structural foundation was reinforced and the parking lot expanded and repaved. With these improvements, our dedicated firefighters will be better suited to continue to serve their community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department as it opens its new fire station. We are grateful for the firefighters' service, and hope that this new station will serve as a suitable home for many years to come.

SUPPORTING ROBUST RELATIONS  
WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL BI-  
LATERALLY AND IN MULTILAT-  
ERAL FORA UPON SEVENTY  
YEARS OF STATEHOOD

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS STEWART**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2018*

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to add my voice along with my colleagues' to congratulate the state of Israel on its 70th anniversary. From its humble beginnings, Israel has faced insurmountable odds but has prevailed.

Israel is a light in the region and an example of democracy and opportunity. From its technological advances to its cultural wonders,

Israel continue to improve and impress the world.

Since the United States formally recognized the state of Israel in 1948, the US-Israeli relationship has only strengthened. Israel has proven itself to be a key ally politically, militarily, and economically.

Ultimately, I have had the opportunity to personally visit Israel many times and can sincerely say that its greatest asset is its people.

My sincerest well wishes on this special occasion.

**YOSSELIN SILVA**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yosselin Silva for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Yosselin Silva received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yosselin Silva is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yosselin Silva for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PROTECTING OUR ANGELS  
ABROAD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Representative KENNEDY and I introduced the Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act to protect our Peace Corps volunteers, our angels abroad.

This bill builds on and extends protections for volunteers that became law as the result of the Kate Puzey Act which I introduced and finally became law in 2011. H.R. 2259 protects volunteers at every stage of their service with the Peace Corps: the onboarding process, their time in country, and when they return home.

Before they make a decision regarding where to serve, many potential volunteers are not fully aware of critical information like health risks and crime rates in various countries. This bill requires the Peace Corps to provide this information to volunteers upfront so that they can make an informed decision regarding where to serve.

While they are deployed in country, the bill requires that the Peace Corps ensures volunteers have access to qualified medical doctors. These doctors must consult with outside experts and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on best practices, particularly on mental health and malaria medications that can